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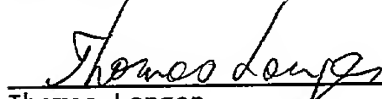
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Yukinori MIYAKE et al
Serial No. : To Be Assigned
Filed : Concurrently Herewith
For : ONE-PIECE CONSTRUCTION OF
PLUG FRAME FOR OPTICAL
CONNECTOR COMPONENT
Art Unit :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

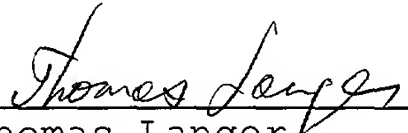
Please add claim 4 and amend claim 3 (with changes shown on the attachment hereto) as follows.

3. (Amended) A plug frame according to Claim 2 further comprising a first abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in one direction and a second abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in the opposite direction.

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4. (New) A plug frame according to Claim 1 further comprising a first abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in one direction and a second abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in the opposite direction.

Respectfully submitted,


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3. (Amended) A plug frame according to Claim [1 or] 2
further comprising a first abutment portion for restricting
movement of the ferrule in one direction and a second abutment
portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in the opposite
5 direction.

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